

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

FRIDAY, Feb. 10.

Although the dealings in stocks-to-day were upward of 450,000 shares, and in bonds over \$1 million per value, the market was generally considered dull and uninteresting. This view was held because of the unusual activity during the last two months. The tone was in the main strong and the majority of stocks closed higher than yesterday. The only liquidation incidental to the sub-session was from the closing of the Exchange this afternoon until Tuesday morning was by the short interest.

The professional element was apparently unwilling to remain short of stocks over the triple holiday. The most conspicuous feature of the market was C. & Q., which surged upward more than a fifth of the total transactions and scored a net advance of 3 points. Reports that the company is about to refund a large part of its floating indebtedness at a low rate of interest were revived, but still lack official confirmation. Other stocks that showed exceptional strength were Rock Island, Sugar Refining, St. Paul, New York Central, Pennsylvania Railroad and Reading first preferred. The demand for the standard dividend-payers was also induced by the entire speculation, and the indications are that the improvements will not be more pronounced in other sections of the market, except for the protracted suspension of business, a circumstance that determined the average dealer from increasing his ventures, in fact rather induced him to curtail them. The noteworthy net declines were in American Tobacco, Consolidated Gas, Metropolitan Street Railway and a few of the less active shares. The closing was steady but very quiet.

As compared with the final prices of last Saturday, the majority of stocks are lower. The more important net declines are in American Tobacco, 8 1/2 cent; Southern Pacific, 2 1/2; American Sugar Refining and Federal Steel, 2 each; Missouri Pacific, 1 1/2; American Steel and Wire and St. Paul, 1 each; Atchison, 1; Chesapeake and Ohio, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis, Peoria, Standard, Louisville and Nashville, and Tennessee Coal and Iron, 1 each; Union Pacific, 1; Chicago Great Western, and People's Gas, 1 each; Union Pacific preferred and United States Rubber, 6 each; Bay State Gas and Northern Pacific preferred, 1 cent each. The noteworthy advances are in Metropolitan Street Rail- way, 3 1/2 cent; Burlington and Quincy, 2 1/2; Central, 1 1/2; Long Island, 1; Standard preferred, 2; Texas Pacific, 1; New York Central and Reading, 1st preferred, 1 cent, and Northern Pacific, 1 cent.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE—SALES Feb. 10. UNITED STATES AND STATE BONDS in \$1,000s. 1 U.S. 100, 107%; 2 U.S. 100, 112. 2 U.S. 100, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132. CLOSING PRICES OF UNITED STATES BONDS.

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